

Claims:

1. A surface covering comprising:

a rigid or semirigid film having opposed first and second sides;

a print layer having a printed pattern or design, the print layer being disposed on the first side of the film; and

5 a discontinuous layer disposed on the second side of the film, the discontinuous layer having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second side of the film.

2. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and less than about 0.5 mils.

3. The surface covering according to claim 2, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.45 mils.

4. The surface covering according to claim 3, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.4 mils.

5. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the print layer is at least partially viewable through the film.

6. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises first and second portions, the first portion having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second portion.

7. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the print layer comprises a chemical embossing agent.

8. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the film comprises a plurality of film layers.

9. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the discontinuous layer has a portion in-register with a portion of the printed pattern or design.

10. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the film is a vinyl film having less than 5 parts plasticizer per hundred parts by weight of the vinyl resin.

11. The surface covering according to claim 1, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises a component selected from the group consisting of a flatting agent, a texturing agent and combinations thereof.

12. A surface covering comprising:

a rigid or semirigid film having opposed first and second sides; and

a discontinuous layer forming a pattern or design disposed on the first side of the film,
the discontinuous layer having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the first side of the
5 film;

the film having a mechanically embossed surface texture.

13. The surface covering according to claim 12, wherein the discontinuous layer has a
thickness between about 0.1 mils and less than about 0.5 mils.

14. The surface covering according to claim 13, wherein the discontinuous layer has a
thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.45 mils.

15. The surface covering according to claim 14, wherein the discontinuous layer has a
thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.4 mils.

16. The surface covering according to claim 12, wherein the discontinuous layer
comprises first and second portions, the first portion having a gloss level different from the gloss
level of the second portion.

17. The surface covering according to claim 12, wherein the film comprises a plurality of
film layers.

18. The surface covering according to claim 12, wherein the mechanically embossed
surface texture of the film is in-register with the pattern or design of the discontinuous layer.

19. The surface covering according to claim 12, further comprising a print layer having a printed pattern, the print layer being disposed on the second side of the film.

20. The surface covering according to claim 19, wherein the print layer is partially viewable through the film.

21. The surface covering according to claim 19, wherein the print layer comprises a chemical embossing agent.

22. The surface covering according to claim 19, wherein the discontinuous layer has a portion in-register with a portion of the printed pattern.

23. The surface covering according to claim 12, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises a flattening agent, a texturing agent and combinations thereof.

24. A surface covering comprising:

a film having opposed first and second sides;

a print layer having a printed pattern or design, the print layer being disposed on the first side of the film; and

5 a discontinuous layer having a thickness between about 0.1 mils and less than about 0.5 mils disposed on the second side of the film, the discontinuous layer having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second side of the film.

25. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.45 mils.

26. The surface covering according to claim 25, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.4 mils.

27. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the print layer is partially viewable through the film.

28. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises first and second portions, the first portion having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second portion.

29. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the print layer comprises a chemical embossing agent.

30. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the film comprises a plurality of film layers.

31. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the film has a mechanically embossed surface texture in-register with a portion of the discontinuous layer.

32. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the discontinuous layer has a portion in-register with a portion of the printed pattern or design.

33. The surface covering according to claim 24, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises a flattening agent, a texturing agent and combinations thereof.

34. A coated freestanding film comprising:

a freestanding film having opposed first and second sides;

a print layer having a printed pattern or design, the print layer being disposed on the first side of the film; and

5 a discontinuous layer forming a pattern or design disposed on the second side of the film having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second side of the film.

35. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and less than about 0.5 mils.

36. The coated freestanding film according to claim 35, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.45 mils.

37. The coated freestanding film according to claim 36, wherein the discontinuous layer has a thickness between about 0.1 mils and about 0.4 mils.

38. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the print layer is at least partially viewable through the film.

39. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises first and second portions, the first portion having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second portion.

40. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the print layer comprises a chemical embossing agent.

41. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the film comprises a plurality of film layers.

42. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the discontinuous layer has a portion in-register with a portion of the printed pattern or design.

43. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the film is a rigid or semirigid film.

44. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the film is a vinyl film having less than 5 parts plasticizer per hundred parts by weight of the vinyl resin.

45. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the film has a mechanically embossed surface texture.

46. The surface covering according to claim 45, wherein the mechanically embossed surface texture of the film is in-register with the pattern or design of the discontinuous layer.

47. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises first and second portions, the first portion having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the second portion.

48. The coated freestanding film according to claim 34, wherein the discontinuous layer comprises a flattening agent, a texturing agent and combinations thereof.

49. A coated freestanding film comprising:
a freestanding film having opposed first and second sides;
a discontinuous layer forming a pattern or design disposed on the second side of the film having a gloss level different from the gloss level of the first side of the film; and
the film having a mechanically embossed surface texture.

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